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Dear Examiner Mahatan:

Attached for your consideration are proposed claim amendments for USSN 10/072,634.

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Proposed Claim Amendments

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37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 36, comprising the additional step of repeating ~~one or more of~~ steps (a) through (c) to identify and produce a modified candidate molecule having higher binding specificity, higher binding affinity or higher potency relative to the candidate molecule.
38. (Cancelled)
39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[38]]~~ 37, comprising the additional step of determining whether the modified candidate molecule modulates ribosomal activity.
40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, comprising the additional step of, after determining whether the modified candidate molecule modulates ribosomal activity, producing the modified candidate molecule.
42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the modified candidate molecule is an antibiotic.

Support for the amendment to claim 37 may be found, for example, in the paragraph bridging pages 84 and 85, the fourth full paragraph appearing on page 149 and the second full paragraph appearing on page 151 of the application as originally filed. Claim 38 has been cancelled. Claims 39-42 have been amended to amend antecedent basis.